

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council
Tribal Court Room 1150 Bayview, Petoskey, MI 49770
March 17, 2002
Smudging: 9:15 am
9:30 am

Executive Session: yes

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am

Council present: Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa, Vice-Chairman George Anthony,
Secretary Fred Harrington Jr., Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Janet Shomin,
Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Beatrice A. Law

Council absent: none

Staff present: See attached list

Guests: See attached list

Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Vice-Chairman George Anthony, to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Janet Shomin and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2002 as corrected.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Beatrice A. Law, to accept the Tribal Administrator's verbal and written report of March 17, 2002.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

10:41 am, recess called

10:50 am, reconvened

Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Vice-Chairman George Anthony, to accept the Chairman's verbal report for March 17, 2002.

Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Janet Shomin), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

11:45 am, public comment opened, Rosemary Knapp, Katheryn Boda, Carol Gasco,
Eleanor Barber,

11:57 am, public closed

Tribal Chairman directed Tribal Administrator to investigate housing complaints and report results to Tribal Council.

Tribal Chairman directed Casino management to include an elevator in the casino expansion project.

Motion made by Councilor Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, to accept the Gaming Administration's verbal and written report of March 17, 2002.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

1:00 pm, recessed until 2:30 pm

2:37 pm, reconvened

The Tribal Chairman directed the Natural Resources Department to prepare a letter notifying Sault Saint Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of our concern and objections to over-fishing areas covered under the Consent Decree.

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Beatrice A. Law, to pay all stipends due the Health Commissioners and the Regulatory Commissioners

Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

4:22 pm, recess called

4:30 pm reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Janet Shomin and supported by Vice-Chairman George Anthony, to approve Resolution # 03170201, Authorization to enter into Indian Health Service Agreements for Well Water and Sanitation Facilities Projects under Public Law 93-638.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa- yes, Vice-Chairman George Anthony- yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank- yes, Secretary Fred Harrington Jr.- yes, Councilor Janet Shomin- yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet- yes, Councilor Beatrice A. Law- yes

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent,

Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Janet Shomin and supported by Vice-Chairman George Anthony, to approve the mailing to membership, 18 years or older head of household, the 2002 Housing Needs Survey.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Janet Shomin and supported by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr., to fully support the Anishinaabe Spiritual Support Foundation, by committing \$10,000.00 seed money, to be paid from the Enterprise Fund Interest line-item, 4100.

Vote: 2 Yes, 5 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa, Vice-Chairman George Anthony, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion failed

Motion made by Councilor Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, to send a letter of support for the Anishinaabe Spiritual Support Foundation proposal for Funding Grants to Traditional Practitioners in Indian Communities.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Janet Shomin)

Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Janet Shomin and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, to support the proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to Authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign the BIA Child Welfare Assistance Funds.

Motion withdrawn

Motion made by Vice-Chairman George Anthony and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet, to adopt Resolution # 03170202, Adoption of Strategic Plan.

Motion withdrawn

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to postpone the adoption of the Strategic Plan Resolution until the meeting of April 7, 2002.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairman George Anthony, to select Meryll Lynch to be one of the investment firms representing Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

6:35 pm, opened public comment

6:36 pm, public comment closed

6:36 pm, recess called

6:43 pm, reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Janet Shomin and supported by Councilor Beatrice A. Law, to approve the budget for the second drawdown for the 2000 Consent Decree for \$1,705,000.00

Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Vice-Chairman George Anthony, to approve the Cross Fisheries Dock Lease Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained (Vice-Chairman George Anthony), 0 Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, to table the Natural Resources Department Building Funding-Request for further investigation.

Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Vice-Chairman George Anthony), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, to approve Resolution # 03170202 Resolution Requesting Funding from the Administration for Native Americans for the Development of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Integrated Geographic Information Systems Program and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign the application.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa- yes, Vice-Chairman George Anthony- yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank- yes, Secretary Fred Harrington Jr.- yes, Councilor Janet Shomin- yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet- no, Councilor Beatrice A. Law- yes

Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent,

Motion carried

Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Vice-Chairman George Anthony, to place the Adoption of Updated Building Codes on the legislative agenda.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Rita Shananaquet)

Motion carried

Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, to place the Election Statute on the legislative agenda.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Rita Shananaquet)

Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Janet Shomin and supported by Vice-Chairman George Anthony, to direct the Tribal Chairman to direct the Gaming Regulatory Commission to develop a job description for a director, to hire a director, and to conduct a strategic plan, and to direct the Gaming Administration work with the Government Accounting Department, to conduct a wage grid study, and to conduct a strategic plan, and to direct the Gaming Management to place more attention on Tribal Preference in hiring.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

Tribal Chairman directed the Tribal Administrator to have a wage grid study completed for the Gaming Regulatory staff.

8:06 pm, Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Beatrice A. Law, to begin an executive session for legal.

Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Secretary Fred Harrington Jr.), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried

8:08 pm Councilor Janet Shomin departed

8:29 pm, Motion made by Vice-Chairman George Anthony and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet, to return to open session.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Janet Shomin)

Motion carried

8:30 pm, Motion made by Vice-Chairman George Anthony and supported by Councilor Beatrice A. Law, to adjourn.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Janet Shomin)

Motion carried

These minutes have been read and approved as written:

Recorded by:

Fred Harrington Jr., Tribal Secretary

Date